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SUBJECT: IAEA 18TH GENERAL CONFERENCE - SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED INITIAL DRAFT SCHEDULE OF TIMING OF MEETINGS AND SESSIONS DURING GENERAL CONFERENCE. THIS SUPPLIED INFORMALLY BY SECRETARIAT FOR USG PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY, AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF REQUIRED PRIOR TO OR DURING GC; MISSION EXPECTS THAT MAJOR SESSION TIMES SHOULD REMAIN SAME EXCEPT AS NOTED BELOW.

2. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 3:00-5:00 PM - PLENARY, OPENING SESSION, INCLUDING ELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND OTHER OFFICERS OF GC AND COMMITTEES AND CONSIDERATION OF NORTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION. 5:00 PM - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETS.

3. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - PLENARY, SECOND SESSION, INCLUDING ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND BEGINNING OF GENERAL DEBATE. USREP INSCRIBED AS FIRST SPEAKER IN GENERAL DEBATE, AND WILL PROBABLY BEGIN US STATEMENT AT ABOUT 10:50 AM. 3:00 - 6:00 PM - PLENARY, THIRD SESSION, CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE.

4. WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - PLENARY, FOURTH SESSION, CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEGAL (A&L) COMMITTEE, FIRST SESSION, BEGINNING DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GC RULES
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OF PROCEDURE. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - PLENARY, FIFTH SESSION,

CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM A&L COMMITTEE, SECOND SESSION, CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENTS TO RULES OF PROCEDURE.

5. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10:30 - 11:00 AM - CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE MEETS. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - PROGRAM, TECHNICAL AND BUDGET (PT&B) COMMITTEE, FIRST SESSION, DISCUSSION OF AGENCY'S PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1975. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM - PLENARY, SIXTH SESSION, CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, AND FIXING OF CLOSING DATE FOR 18TH GC (SEE BELOW). 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - TIME RESERVED FOR TECHNICAL LECTURE/DISCUSSION ON INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. NO REGULAR GC BUSINESS IS PLANNED TO BE CONDUCTED DURING THIS PERIOD, WITH SESSION TO BE HELD IN HALL NORMALLY USED FOR PLENARY MEETING.

6. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 10:30AM - 1:00 PM, PLENARY, SEVENTH SESSION, CONTINUATION OF GENERAL DEBATE, REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, AND INITIAL BALLOTING FOR ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR 1974-76. 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM - PT&B COMMITTEE, SECOND SESSION, CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION ON PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1975, SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1975, BEGINNING OF DISCUSSION OF FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - PLENARY, EIGHTH SESSION, CONCLUSION OF GENERAL DEBATE, COMPLETION OF ELECTIONS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS, AND, IF TIME PERMITS, RECEIPT OF COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ADJOURNMENT. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM - PT&B COMMITTEE, THIRD SESSION, CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF FINANCING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

7. ORIGINAL SECRETARIAT PLAN AND HOPE HAD BEEN TO COMPLETE GC BUSINESS AND ADJOURN BY COB FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. HOWEVER, SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES APPEAR OPEN WHICH COULD SCOTCH THIS HOPE, FIRST, DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT OF RULES OF PROCEDURE COULD RUN MORE THAN TWO SESSIONS OF A&L COMMITTEE; DEPT. WILL RECALL THAT A&L COMMITTEE SPENT FIVE SESSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT LAST GC AND CAME TO CONCLUSION ONLY TO DEFER BULK OF ISSUE. SECOND, GENERAL DEBATE COULD RUN LONGER THAN PROJECTED; THIS DEPENDS ON HOW MUCH MEMBERS MAY WISH TO SAY, BUT IN VIEW DEVELOPMENTS OF LAST YEAR IN NUCLEAR ENERGY FIELD IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME, IF NOT MAY, STATEMENTS COULD BE MORE THAN PRO-FORMS. THIRD, UNCLASSIFIED

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SOMEBODY (PERHAPS PAKISTAN) COULD INITIATE SOME DISCUSSION OR ACTION ON INDIAN NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, FOR WHICH IAEA GC WOULD BE FAIRLY LOGICAL FORUM; WHETHER CONSIDERED IN PLENARY OR PT&B COMMITTEE, THIS WOULD DOUBTLESS RUN LONG ENOUGH TO EXTEND GC. FOURTH, SECRETARIAT PROJECTION ALLOWS ONLY 15 MINUTES FOR DISCUSSION AND ADOPTION OF SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS FOR 1975; AS DEPT. AWARE, THIS SCALE WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERABLE REDUCTION IN US RATE OF ASSESSMENT WHICH MAY PROVOKDE LONGER THAN

NORMAL DISCUSSION ON SUBJECT. FINALLY, PUSHING PT&B COMMITTEE SO CLOSE TO END OF GC ASSUMES THAT DISCUSSION OF FINANCING OF TA WILL PRODUCE EITHER NO ACTION OR ONLY PRO-FORMA ACTION WHICH COULD BE WRITTEN INTO PT&B COMMITTEE REPORT AND GOTTEN TO PLENARY SAME AFTERNOON. IF DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE REQUIRES A COMPLICATED COMMITTEE REPORT, OR IF THERE ARE ANY SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS TABLED ON SUBJECT WHICH COMMITTEE EITHER ACTED ON OR DID NOT ACT ON, REPORT COULD NOT BE READY FOR PLENARY ACCEPTANCE ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON; IT IS EVEN POSSIBLE THAT PT&B COMMITTEE MIGHT NOT COMPLETE DISCUSSION BY COB FRIDAY.

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8. IF ANY OF THESE POSSIBILITIES ARISE, SECRETARIAT HAS CONTINGENCY PLAN FOR FINAL PLENARY SESSION ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, AT 10:30 AM, AT WHICH PLENARY COULD COMPLETE ANY BUSINESS LEFT OVER FROM FRIDAY AND ADJOURN. IF NECESSARY, PLENARY COULD RUN OVER TO MONDAY AFTERNOON (AGENCY INFORMS US THAT GC MUST VACATE HOFBURG CONFERENCE CENTER BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24). THERE IS CURRENTLY NO RPT NO PLAN FOR EITHER NIGHT OR SATURDAY SESSION; ON SATURDAY, IT IS PLANNED TO HOLD TRIP TO FIRST AUSTRIAN NUCLEAR POWER STATION, NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION, FOR ANY INTERESTED MEMBERS OF ALL DELEGATIONS.

9. BOARD OF GOVERNORS IS NOW SCHEDULED TO MEET FOR ITS NORMAL POST-GC SESSION EITHER MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 AT 4:00 PM OR, IF GC RUNS INTO MONDAY AFTERNOON, ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, AT 11:00 AM.

10. AT THIS POINT, MISSION UNABLE TO GUESS WHETHER
GC WILL BE ABLE TO FINISH UP BUSINESS AND ADJOURN
BY FRIDAY EVENING. AS LIKELIHOOD OF POTENTIAL PROBLEMS
BUILDS UP, SECRETARIAT IS CONSIDERING BEGINNING
COMMITTEE SESSIONS ON TUESDAY, RATHER THAN WEDNESDAY,
BUT HAS NOT YET DECIDED ONE WAY OR OTHER ON THIS AND
PROBABLY WILL NOT DO SO UNTIL JUST BEFORE GC. MISSION
WILL ADVISE IF THERE ARE ANY MAJOR CHANGES IN FOREGOING
BEFORE GC CONVENES. PORTER

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